

An Introduction to Project Management, Third Edition

With Brief Guides to Microsoft Project 2007 and @task

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I want to let everyone know that the *An Introduction to Project Management, Third Edition*, is now available for purchase! The best way for individuals to purchase the book is at <https://www.createspace.com/3394678>. (Go to www.kathyschwalbe.com for links.) It will also be on amazon.com and perhaps through lightningsource.com. Bookstores should email me to get discount information. Even though the second edition sold over 7,500 copies last year, Cengage decided not to update it. I did get the rights and permissions to self-publish it, and since this is the book I use in my own classes, I have a vested interest in it. (Cengage is still publishing my IT Project Management book, now in its sixth edition.)

The price to students for this third edition will be \$75 (versus \$88 for the second edition). I will provide free review copies to instructors who are seriously considering adopting the book. Email me at schwalbe@augsborg.edu if you have not done so already. Please send your mailing address and information about the course you teach. I am working on the companion Web sites; they will be ready by the end of August. Some information is already available at <http://groups.google.com/group/intropm>. The “student” site will not require a password, but the instructor site will.

The following pages provide the brief table of contents and a summary of what’s new in this edition. Thanks for your support, and spread the word!

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New to the Third Edition

Building on the success of the previous editions, *An Introduction to Project Management, Third Edition* introduces a uniquely effective combination of features. The main changes to the third edition include the following:

- The text is updated to reflect changes in the latest *PMBOK® Guide, Fourth Edition*, published by PMI in December, 2008.
- The text now includes nine chapters instead of eight. The previous chapter 8 included information on Closing and Best Practices. These two topics are now broken into two separate, shorter chapters.
- Appendix A, Brief Guide to Microsoft Project 2007, has been rewritten and provides an example based on performing a three-month class project. New exercises are provided as well based on my experience teaching students to use this powerful software.
- There is a new appendix, Appendix B, Brief Guide to @task, which provides information on using the number one online project management software, @task. It provides step-by-step instructions on creating a project in @task, importing a Project 2007 file, and using portfolio management features.
- Appendix C, Resources, includes information about the companion Web sites, a list of available template files, three running case studies, information about using the Fissure project management simulation software, and instructions for accessing information about the Project Management Professional (PMP) and related certifications. The Fissure simulation software is still available as a separate purchase from www.ichapters.com. Detailed instructions for using the simulation are available on the companion Web site.
- The Dilbert and other cartoons have been replaced with relevant (and funny) cartoons from xkcd.com.
- The companion Web site no longer requires a password. Simply go to <http://groups.google.com/group/intropm> to access it. Instructors must contact me directly (schwalbe@augzburg.edu) to gain access to the instructor site.
- Updated Jeopardy games are included on the companion Web site for each chapter. You can use these as review games in a classroom setting, or you can go through them on your own to help reinforce your understanding of key terms and other concepts in each chapter. Sorry, but podcasts are no longer provided.
- Updated examples and references are provided throughout the text, and user feedback is incorporated.